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Re: Endangered Species Act Section 7 Biological Opinion on the Reinitiation of Consultation
on Operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System, including the Juvenile Fish
Transportation Program, and 19 Bureau of Reclamation Projects in the Columbia basin

Steve Bill Carl
Dear Messrs. Wright, McDonald, and Brig. General Strock:

This is an addendum to our earlier transmittal letter to you concerning the biological opinion prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS), including the Juvenile Fish Transportation Program, and 19 Bureau of Reclamation Projects in the Columbia River basin. In this biological opinion, NMFS concludes that the impacts of the FCRPS jeopardize the continued existence of 8 of the 12 listed ESUs, including Snake River and Upper Columbia River chinook salmon and steelhead, Snake River sockeye salmon, Middle Columbia River steelhead, and Columbia River chum salmon. Pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA, this biological opinion includes a reasonable and prudent alternative we believe will avoid jeopardy to these stocks.

Sincerely,

Donna Darm
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: USFWS, Portland - Anne Badgley, Regional Director



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